REMARKS

Claim 61-120 are pending.

I. DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTIONS

Claims 1-120 are rejected over claims 1-40 of U.S. Patent No. 6,744,126 based on obviousness-type double patenting. A Terminal Disclaimer based on the '126 patent has been filed concurrently herewith.

The filing of a terminal disclaimer to obviate a rejection based on nonstatutory double patenting is not an admission of the propriety of the rejection. Quad Environmental Technologies Corp. v. Union Sanitary District, 20 USPQ 2d 1392 (Fed. Cir. 1991). See also M.P.E.P. § 804.02.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that these rejections be withdrawn.

II. CONCLUSION

In view of the remarks set forth herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Should any issues remain, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney.

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